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### **§ 3264.12 What must I submit to BLM after I abandon a well?**

Send us a well abandonment report within 30 days after you abandon a well. If you plan to restore the site at a later date, you may submit a separate report within 30 days after completing site restoration. The well abandonment report must contain:

- (a) A complete chronology of all work done;
- (b) A description of each plug, including:
  - (1) Type and amount of cement used;
  - (2) Depth that the drill pipe or tubing was run to set the plug;
  - (3) Depth to top of plug; and
  - (4) If the plug was verified, whether it was done by tagging or pressure testing; and
- (c) A description of surface restoration procedures.

### **§ 3264.13 What drilling and operational records must I maintain for each well?**

You must keep the following information for each well, and make it available for BLM to inspect, upon request:

- (a) A complete and accurate drilling log, in chronological order;
- (b) All other logs;
- (c) Water or steam analyses;
- (d) Hydrologic or heat flow tests;
- (e) Directional surveys;
- (f) A complete log of all subsequent well operations, such as cementing, perforating, acidizing, and well cleanouts; and
- (g) Any other information regarding the well that could affect its status.

### **§ 3264.14 How do I notify BLM of accidents occurring on my lease?**

You must orally inform us of all accidents that affect operations or create environmental hazards within 24 hours of the accident. When you contact us, we may require you to submit a written report fully describing the incident.

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### **Subpart 3265—Inspection, Enforcement, and Noncompliance for Drilling Operations**

#### **§ 3265.10 What part of my drilling operations may BLM inspect?**

(a) BLM may inspect all of your Federal drilling operations regardless of surface ownership. We will inspect your operations for compliance with the requirements of § 3200.4.

(b) BLM may inspect all of your maps, well logs, surveys, records, books, and accounts related to your Federal drilling operations.

#### **§ 3265.11 What records must I keep available for inspection?**

You must keep a complete record of all aspects of your activities related to your drilling operation available for our inspection. Store these records in a place which makes them conveniently available to us. Examples of records which we may inspect include:

- (a) Well logs and maps;
- (b) Records, books, and accounts related to your Federal drilling operations;
- (c) Directional surveys;
- (d) Records pertaining to casing type and setting;
- (e) Records pertaining to formations penetrated;
- (f) Well test results;
- (g) Records pertaining to characteristics of the geothermal resource;
- (h) Records pertaining to emergency procedure training; and
- (i) Records pertaining to operational problems.

#### **§ 3265.12 What will BLM do if my operations do not comply with my permit and applicable regulations?**

(a) We will issue you a written Incident of Noncompliance, directing you to take required corrective action within a specific time period. If the noncompliance continues or is of a serious nature, we will take one or more of the following actions:

- (1) Enter your lease, and correct any deficiencies at your expense;
- (2) Collect all or part of your bond;
- (3) Direct modification or shutdown of your operations; and
- (4) Take other enforcement action under subpart 3213 against a lessee who

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is ultimately responsible for non-compliance.

(b) Noncompliance may result in BLM terminating your lease. See §§ 3213.17 through 3213.19.

### Subpart 3266—Confidential, Proprietary Information

#### § 3266.10 Will BLM disclose information I submit under these regulations?

All Federal and Indian data and information submitted to the BLM are subject to part 2 of this title. Part 2 includes the Department of the Interior regulations covering public disclosure of data and information contained in Department records. Certain mineral information not protected from disclosure under part 2 of this title may be made available for inspection without a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. BLM will not treat surface location, surface elevation, or well status information as confidential.

#### § 3266.11 When I submit confidential, proprietary information, how can I help ensure that it is not available to the public?

When you submit data and information that you believe to be exempt from disclosure by part 2 of this title, you must clearly mark each page that you believe contains confidential information. BLM will keep all data and information confidential to the extent allowed by § 2.13(c) of this title.

#### § 3266.12 How long will information I give BLM remain confidential or proprietary?

The FOIA does not provide a finite period of time during which information may be exempt from public disclosure. BLM reviews each situation individually and in accordance with part 2 of this title.

### Subpart 3267—Geothermal Drilling Operations Relief and Appeals

#### § 3267.10 How do I request a variance from BLM requirements that apply to my drilling operations?

(a) You may file a request for a variance from the requirements of § 3200.4 for your approved drilling operations.

Your request must include enough information to explain:

(1) Why you cannot comply with the requirements of § 3200.4; and

(2) Why you need the variance to control your well, conserve natural resources, or protect public health and safety, property, or the environment.

(b) We may approve your request orally or in writing. If BLM gives you an oral approval, we will follow up with written confirmation.

#### § 3267.11 How may I appeal a BLM decision regarding my drilling operations?

You may appeal our decisions regarding your drilling operations in accordance with § 3200.5.

### Subpart 3270—Utilization of Geothermal Resources—General

#### § 3270.10 What types of geothermal operations are governed by these utilization regulations?

(a) The regulations in subparts 3270 through 3279 of this part cover the permitting and operating procedures for the utilization of geothermal resources. This includes:

- (1) Electrical generation facilities;
- (2) Direct use facilities;
- (3) Related utilization facility operations;
- (4) Actual and allocated well field production and injection; and
- (5) Related well field operations.

(b) The utilization regulations in subparts 3270 through 3279 do not address conducting exploration operations, which is covered in subpart 3250, or drilling wells intended for production or injection, which is covered in subpart 3260.

#### § 3270.11 What general standards apply to my utilization operations?

Your utilization operations must:

- (a) Meet all operational and environmental standards;
- (b) Prevent unnecessary impacts on surface and subsurface resources;
- (c) Result in the maximum ultimate recovery of geothermal resources;
- (d) Result in the beneficial use of geothermal resources, with minimum waste;